

NEBRASKA BOARD OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY

MEETING MINUTES

January 20, 2017

ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Medicine and Surgery was called to order by Chairman, Carl Smith, MD, at 9:00 a.m. on January 20, 2017, in the Lighthouse Room, Country Inn & Suites, 5353 N 27th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. The following members answered the roll call:

Carl Smith, MD, Chairman
Mark Goodman, MD, Vice-Chair
Todd Stull, MD, Secretary
Merle Henkenius
Michael Bittles, MD
Karen Higgins, MD

Absent: Jeff Howorth
Judith Scott, DO

A quorum was present and the meeting convened.

Also present to participate in the meeting: Kathie Lueke, Program Manager, Kelli Dalrymple, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit; Lisa Anderson, Assistant Attorney General, Jeff Newman, Investigator; Kathleen Krueger, Investigator, Patricia Lemke, Investigator, Dennis Scott, Investigator, Mark Meyerson, Investigator, Jessica Bowman, Investigator, Investigations Unit.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Higgins moved, seconded by Stull, to approve adoption of the agenda. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Stull, Goodman, Smith, and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth and Scott. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Goodman moved, seconded by Higgins to approve the minutes for December 2, 2016, as presented. Voting aye: Bittles, Stull, Goodman, Higgins, Smith, and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth and Scott. Motion carried.

DESIGNATION OF METHOD BY WHICH THIS BODY WILL GIVE PUBLIC NOTICE OF ITS MEETINGS

Higgins moved, seconded by Bittles, to continue to utilize the three current methods to give public notice of Board of Medicine and Surgery meetings. The current methods are to post the agenda on the Department public bulletin board, on the Department website, and to e-mail the agenda to all interested parties. Voting aye: Bittles, Stull, Goodman, Higgins, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

9:03 Scott entered the meeting.

NATIONAL COUNCIL CERTIFIED PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS (NCCPA) PRESENTATION

Dawn Morton-Rias, EdD, PA-C and Greg Thomas, PA-C, Emeritus from NCCPA gave a presentation to the Board that covered the NCCPA and what it is about, PA practice patterns in Nebraska and PA Certification and Certification Maintenance.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM UPDATE

Amy Reynoldson, Drug overdose Prevention Coordinator, provided the Board with an update regarding the Nebraska Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention Efforts. Ms. Reynoldson provided information regarding the 2 grants that DHHS has been awarded. The information included funding amounts and the strategy and progress of each of the grants. Ms. Reynoldson also provided a list of those involved in the efforts of getting a PDMP in Nebraska. The Board thanked Ms. Reynoldson.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS, DISCIPLINARY REPORTS, APPLICATION REVIEW

Goodman moved, seconded by Stull, to go into closed session at 9:53 a.m. for the purpose of review of investigational and disciplinary reports and other closed session items as identified on the agenda. Voting aye: Bittles, Stull, Goodman, Higgins, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

Anderson left the meeting at 9:53 a.m.
Glover-Ettrich entered the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

Glover-Ettrich left the meeting at 10:03 a.m.
Anderson returned to the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Goodman left the meeting at 10:52 a.m.
Goodman returned to the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

Higgins moved, seconded by Scott, to open the session at 11:20 a.m., for the purpose of legislation update. Voting aye: Bittles, Stull, Goodman, Higgins, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

LEGISLATION UPDATE/BRIEF

Dale Mahlman from the Nebraska Medical Association provided a list of potential bill subjects that may come up in the new legislation period. The Nebraska Medical Association will be watching most of the bill subjects and will keep the Board posted on any legislation pertinent to medicine and surgery.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS, DISCIPLINARY REPORTS, APPLICATION REVIEW - CONTINUED

Higgins moved, seconded by Bittles, to go back into closed session at 12:17 p.m. for the purpose of review of investigational and disciplinary reports and other closed session items as identified on the agenda. Voting aye: Bittles, Stull, Goodman, Higgins, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

Higgins moved, seconded by Stull, to open the session at 12:54 p.m. Voting aye: Bittles, Stull, Goodman, Higgins, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

Physician and Osteopathic Physician Application(s)

ASHRAF-BENSON, SADIA - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Scott moved, seconded by Stull, to recommend issuance of license. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Stull, Goodman, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

BASHUK, STEPHEN - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Goodman moved, seconded by Bittles, to recommend issuance of license. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Stull, Goodman, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

BLITZ, ARIE - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Bittles moved, seconded by Scott, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Stull, Goodman, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

CHANDRA, SUBHARSH - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Goodman moved, seconded by Bittles, to recommend to issuance of license. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Stull, Goodman, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

FORTUNA, ROBERT - application for a license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery. Goodman moved, seconded by Higgins, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Stull, Goodman, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

GUNDERSON, ROBERT - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Higgins moved, seconded by Bittles, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Stull, Goodman, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

HOWELL, SANDRA - application for a license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery. Bittles moved, seconded by Scott, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Stull, Goodman, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

SIGNMAN, ROBERT - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Higgins moved, seconded by Stull, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Stull, Goodman, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

WONG, HALEI - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Goodman moved, seconded by Bittles, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Stull, Goodman, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

AUSTIN, RACHEL - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Goodman moved, seconded by Scott, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Stull, Goodman, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

BAEK, SUNG - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Goodman moved, seconded by Stull, to issue license. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Stull, Goodman, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

BAYASI, JED - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Goodman moved, seconded by Bittles, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Stull, Goodman, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

PADILLA, NYREE - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Bittles moved, seconded by Stull, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Stull, Goodman, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

RABOUBI, ALIREZA - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Goodman moved, seconded by Bittles, to table pending further information. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Stull, Goodman, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

TAYLOR, AMBER - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Bittles moved, seconded by Stull, to table recommendation for pre-licensure investigation. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Stull, Goodman, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

TOOFAN, RAMIN - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Bittles moved, seconded by Stull, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Stull, Goodman, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

PEPIN, JEREMY - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Goodman moved, seconded by Scott, to table pending further information. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Stull, Goodman, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

LEGG, ROBERT - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Bittles moved, seconded by Higgins, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Stull, Goodman, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

WEST, JOSEPH - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Scott moved, seconded by Stull, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Stull, Goodman, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

Reinstatement

JEDLICKA, LAWRENCE – reinstatement application for a physician license. Bittles moved, seconded by Stull, to recommend reinstating the license on the same monitoring program he is currently on with Kentucky. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Stull, Goodman, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

Locum

FRENCH, RICHARD - application for a locum license to practice medicine and surgery. Bittles moved, seconded by Stull, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Stull, Goodman, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

Surgical First Assistant

CORMACI HAAS, SUSAN - application for a surgical first assistant license. Bittles moved, seconded by Higgins, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Stull, Goodman, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

DITTMAN, JESSICA - application for a surgical first assistant license. Scott moved, seconded by Bittles, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Stull, Goodman, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

FRITZINGER, CHERIE - application for a surgical first assistant license. Stull moved, seconded by Scott, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Stull, Goodman, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

GERDES, JENNIFER - application for a surgical first assistant license. Higgins moved, seconded by Stull, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Stull, Goodman, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

GORACKE, AMY - application for a surgical first assistant license. Stull moved, seconded by Henkenius, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Stull, Goodman, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

JENKINS, BRENDA - application for a surgical first assistant license. Scott moved, seconded by Higgins, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Stull, Goodman, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

JOHNSON, ESMERALDA - application for a surgical first assistant license. Higgins moved, seconded by Stull, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Stull, Goodman, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

KANE ALLEN, AUBREY - application for a surgical first assistant license. Stull moved, seconded by Bittles, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Stull, Goodman, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

MCDONALD, ANGELA - application for a surgical first assistant license. Goodman moved, seconded by Scott, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Stull, Goodman, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

MEISNER, TAMARA - application for a surgical first assistant license. Higgins moved, seconded by Bittles, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Stull, Goodman, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

NELSON, CHUCK - application for a surgical first assistant license. Scott moved, seconded by Goodman, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Stull, Goodman, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

RYAN, CHERYL - application for a surgical first assistant license. Bittles moved, seconded by Higgins, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Stull, Goodman, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

SURGICAL FIRST ASSISTANT PROGRAM APPROVAL

Lueke gave a brief update on the status of the draft regulations for Surgical First Assistants. At this time they are being reviewed by DHHS Legal Department and should be sent over to the Governor's Policy Research Office shortly.

Higgins moved, seconded by Goodman, to approval the surgical first assistant certification by the American Board of Surgical Assistants. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Stull, Goodman, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

PHARMACEUTICAL CARE AGREEMENTS

The Board had no comments or concerns.

FEDERATION OF STATE MEDICAL BOARD DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR CHRONIC USE OF OPIOID ANALGESICS

The Board had no comments or concerns.

FEDERATION OF STATE MEDICAL BOARD ANNUAL MEETING

The Board elected Todd Stull, MD, to go as the voting delegate along with Board member Merle Henkenius to attend.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Goodman moved, seconded by Higgins to keep the officers as they currently stand. Voting aye: Higgins, Scott, Smith, Bittles, Henkenius, Goodman. Abstain: Stull. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF MEDICINE AND SPECIALIZED HEALTH

Lueke gave a brief update regarding the Process Improvement implemented by the Governor's Office. The goal is to reduce the number of days for issuing licenses. As it stands at this time, the time frame on issuing licenses is at 67 days with the reduction down to 45 days.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Higgins moved, seconded by Bittles, to adjourn the meeting at 1:26 p.m. Voting aye: Bittles, Stull, Goodman, Higgins, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

signature available upon request

Todd Stull, Secretary
Board of Medicine and Surgery